



OSA BOG MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Date:	2013-08-11, Sunday
Time:	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM CST
Location:	Conference Call
Presided By	Tapan Padhi
Topic:	Monthly BOG Meeting – kick-off

Invitees/Attendees:

#	Name	Designation	Chapter	Status
1	Tapan Padhi	President	OSA	Yes
2	Sikhanda Satpathy	Vice President	OSA	Yes
3	Sabita Panigrahi	Secretary	OSA	Yes
4	Prashant Ranabijuli	Treasurer	OSA	Yes
5	Pramod Mohapatra	President	Southern Chapter	Yes
6	Sujata Nayak	President	OSA – MD/VA	No
7	Arata Tran Rout	President	OSA - Ohio	Yes
8	Annapurna Pandey	Past President	OSA	No
9	Simant Mishra	President	OSA – Grand Canyon	Yes
10	Bijoy S (representing Prakash Sahu)	President	OSA- Washington DC	Yes
11	Nihar Nanda	President	OSA – New England	Yes
12	Jhara Das	President	OSA - Chicago	No
13	Punyatoya Sarangi	President	OSA - Michigan	No
14	Prabhat Mohapatra	President	OSA – NYNJ	Yes
15	Radhagobinda Mohanty	President	Ozark - Central	No
16	Sunil Sabat	President	California	No
17	Priyadarshan Patra	President	OSA – Pacific Northwest	Yes
18	Sampurna Srabani Mohapatra	President	OSA - SouthEast	Yes
19	Mrutyunjay Pani	President	OSA-Southwest	No
20	Debasis Das	President	OSA - NW Chapter	Yes
21	Satya Patnaik	Convener	OSA 2014	Yes

Agenda

#	Description
1	Introduction of the newly elected executives and chapter presidents.
2	OSA 2014 Convention update
3	Discussion on various committee formations
4	Next month's BOG meeting timing
5	Recent unfortunate demises
6	Roundtable



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Item	Topic	Conclusions/Discussions
1	Introduction	Newly elected President Mr Tapan Padhi welcomed everyone to the meeting. All BOG members briefly introduced themselves.
2	OSA 2014 Convention Update	Mr Satya Patnaik, the 2014 convener updated the BOG about the Ohio convention. He mentioned that 5 positions bearing different roles were filled democratically to look after convention details. Venue selection was in progress and it was said that it would be finalized in a week's time. Convention theme was being discussed and will be finalized soon. Website work will be started soon.
3	Discussion on various committee formations	Grievance Committee: President informed the BOG about the formation of the grievance committee during Chicago OSA convention consisting of three members. They are Surya Mishra, Kuku Das and Panchanan Satpathy. It was accepted unanimously. Proposal for forming Senior Citizen Committee, Social Committee, Cultural Committee, Organizational Committee and Youth Committee came from the President and he asked the members to come up with names for the next meetings to be discussed in detail. He announced that Mr Niraj Rath has become General Counsel.
4	Timing for future BOG meetings.	It was unanimously decided that meetings will be conducted at 7.30 P.M. EST on the 2 nd Sunday of every month.
5	Recent demises	Tapan Padhi talked about recent unfortunate demises. He asked members to provide suggestions of ways OSA can help in this type of situation. Various suggestions were given and discussed. One suggestion was that OSA connects all Odias in North America through a network of volunteers by building a help line. Other suggestions were that OSA should come up with a policy that defines various help OSA can provide on humanitarian and health awareness aspects and OSA to look into group insurance policy for members.



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6	Roundtable	<p>Arta Rout: We should think along these lines. How can the image of OSA be improved? How can functions such as the convention and other programs be promoted to make more people interested in OSA?</p> <p>Sampurna Srabani: Charging new people a certain fee so that they feel they belong to the local organization. This money is not a membership fee.</p> <p>Prabhat Mohapatra: Some committees should continue irrespective of OSA executives. OSA should have one banner with OSA logo and the only difference from chapter to chapter should be their respective names. Emphasis should be given to language and culture issue and it should continue.</p> <p>Sikhanda Satpathy: Chhanda, Champu and Odia speech (debate) program should continue. The current executives will approach the same sponsor who donated money last time.</p>

Action Items

#	Who	When	What
1	Each BOG member	Next BOG meeting (September)	To suggest 5 volunteer names for different committees.
2	President	Ongoing	Building help line
3	Not assigned		Look into OSA group insurance policy

Next Meeting

BOG Meeting has been scheduled to be on Sunday, Sept 8, 2013 at 7:30PM EST.

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